February 8, 2008

Pursuant to Adjournment, the Student Assembly Budgeting & Allocating Committee (SABAC) convened at 6:37pm Tuesday, Dec. 4th 2007 in the Rm. W401 Mid-American Energy Colloquium in the Pappajohn Business Building of the Tippie College of Business.

SABAC Chair Bleam Presiding

Roll Call: Financial Officer Domyancic; Sec. of Financial Affairs, Ms. Aurelio; SABAC Chair Bleam; Sen. Lovan (UISG); Sen. Barnett (UISG); Sen. Rasmussen (UISG)

Minutes Approved

Chairman’s Report - Line-Item Reallocation requests, Supplemental I of requested $127,371.64 we allocated $49,717 of possible $61,523; Carried-over $11,806 difference in addition of the $43,000 originally budgeted for distribution for a total of $54,806 to allocate; over 171 submissions ICON with 59 organizations requesting funds in excess of $208,261.98; had 4 carry-over request from the Jan. 1st cut-off date from last meeting with the request totaling $13,406.

Financial Officer Report – Little under $100,000 left to allocate; keep it under $60,000 as a suggested ceiling.

Public Access:

SLS (Student Legal Services):
• Goal to make sure every student has legal services; paid for through activity fees; increase awareness; institute professional environment; packets provided with information 40% increase in number of clients from 2006; more advertising – worked with marketing (magnets, etc.) want to continue and increase amounts to reach more students; give out surveys on scale 1-5(best); averages 4.8 service; doing good job as seeing more people; undergrad director – face book ads, need new computer, only 3 of 4 law interns have computers (unable to efficiently work/research aid students present), magnets used 700+ magnets for students, purchased per thousands – want to buy more, “how to not get busted” giving presentations on legal issues, $50 equipment rental per time rented – want to purchase $800 for long-term save money, computer speakers (presentation shows dvds what should/shouldn’t do in situations with law enforcement), $16.55 at university book store, cambus advertising, request 200 to continue progressive measures to inform students; gave six presentations between two months this semester – want to increase; includes education on rent contracts with landlords – projector will pay for self by end of semester; SABAC Chair Bleam: computer usually large fixed purchase on fiscal year budget (more money to work with) can you wait? Greg: now that we have interns, students waiting in line, no access to internet. Rasmussen: how many presentations? Greg: 3 in residence halls, want to give more; jobs asking if have PAULAs – want to help students avoid situations so can proceed with careers.

6:43pm - Sen. Milani present (Quorum established)

The Language Connection:
• Purpose is to pair up various languages on campus; bingo cards (Holiday event) ice breaker (language barriers); events to recognize different holidays across countries; looked in to cheaper prices (i.e. Hobby Lobby); GLITTER!; all supplies to decorate cards, etc.; advertising – expand number of people in club; pair up French, Spanish, Italian – two buddies who speak well and not so well, meet weekly to teach each other; addition to spreadsheet 21.76 advertising. Final total $198.14.

Math Grads:
• 14 people attending; applied for money to attend conference; annual; different city each yr – San Diego; spreadsheet of each person attending conference; math dept agreed to pay every students registration fee – over 2,000 dollars; have receive support from other places approx 1500; 5,698 is the number students will have to pay without SABAC; bring together all branches of math, i.e. most important but hardest to get funding for; teach undergrads (math); workshops on better teaching; gets better jobs; brings more money to university; wide spread support.
Graduate Students in Science Education:

- Taken org into three committee structures: scholarships, service to community, professional growth initiatives; degree to enable to teach teachers; scholarship initiatives – attending conferences, AST (St. Louis) scholarship and professional growth, teachers of teachers (science), able to take van; service & outreach – three science fair to be judges, interact with middle and high school students (100+ Iowans), giving to community and interaction opportunity for participants (win-win); NASA scientist coming in mid January, all expenses covered except refreshments, etc.; inviting Iowa City public schools; in Lindquist center to keep expenses down; funding through fundraisers, advisor, members; have about 28% money in budget coming from members/advisor; after third funding budget – need to be able to tell orgs if able to come; if wait until fourth period too short of notice for those orgs; conference for 2 members in Baltimore – late registration fees, rising air fare creates time sensitivity; AST conference nine attending; judging fairs – science fair at Hilton coliseum six people; four people attending Cedar Rapids so only need one vehicle.

Quint-C (Cross-Coordinating Cultural Centers Council):

- Working diversity into organizations; trying to give voice to student cultural centers; small budgets (6,000 for each center per year; 4,000 usually go to student/employee wages); need more technology and furniture – everything is passed down, currently appears second rate, doesn’t show commitment to diversity; centers are struggling; most students unaware centers exist; marketing is huge for; same amount of 6,000 since 1982 and expected to be just as useful; already issues for retention of minority students at Iowa – need places to welcome; safe zone; Afro-house TV on push cart and VCR from 80’s; nothing within centers; no incentive for students to go to; asked for new TV’s for center, current TV at one center is advisor’s personal, sitting on ground – no stand; Bleam: fiscal year? – not immediate because has been sub-par for so long, but need to start somewhere to get better as quick as possible, two computers at each house – just recently got internet; one organization, comprised of leaders from various other student orgs, i.e. Asian American Coalition, Native American Students, Chinese Student scholars, Outlaws Org; Quint-C oversees.

Senate Governmental Relations Committee (UISG):

- A lot of lobbying at state level; for Washington DC trip for UISG; cut down to bare minimum already because of huge surge of budget requests; representing student government and 30,000 students – public service; only place can get money can’t raise; V.P. Group helping out; trying to get congressmen/senators to UI; lobbying for student funds – i.e. investment for university; Fighting stereotype that students don’t get involved; want to prove students can make a difference; alternate spring break at Iowa addresses; diversity, engagement, involvement needs to be present; have made other efforts to get money; wants to become official initiative to go to community with different needs; educational, engagement, volunteering issues; service trip over spring break; more important than stereotypical college student experience; make easier for other students to get involved and gives affordable and desirable; want to track what students have done; expect people to pay for portion of trip by self, usually $400-500 per person, want to be able to provide approx half; addressing merit system/application process to award based on need, etc.; don’t plan trips for students just help go on them; like to see what doing and why doing to reflect on website and inform.

Relay for Life (American Cancer Society):

- Second year; fundraising event; asking for money to put on event; stamp money for sponsorship letters; PA system, don’t want to take out of money that raise; put on fun activities (root-beer kegs, slip n slide, etc.).

New Business:

7:45pm - Deliberations Opened on Supplemental Funding Period III - (see spreadsheet for reasoning of funding decisions)

7:51pm - Vice-Chair Vanmeter present

9:15pm - Recess for Dinner
9:25pm - Vice-Chair Vanmeter gavel-in after break; Sen. Haser present

12:00am - Kicked-out of W401 for room closing & cleaning
12:12am - Reconvene in some random conference room in Pappajohn

12:53am - Close of allocations for Supplemental Period III
12:54am - Deliberations of Reallocation Request
12:55am - SABAC Chair Bleam motions to approve all reallocations. Sen. Lovan seconds. Unanimous.

1:00am - SABAC Chair Bleam motion for authorization to have the SABAC Chair & Financial Officer to have authority to utilize a cut across the board strategy to balance the approved budget. Budget is over by $13,262. Rep. Gander seconds - condition that allocations are brought within $1,000 of the approved $54,806 amount should this be utilized. Unanimous.

Adjourned @ 1:06am